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ECBC To Hold Groundbreaking, Availability Session

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Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. – The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) will host a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the start of construction of its Advanced Chemistry Laboratory on Friday, May 9, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. U.S. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., U.S. Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, R-Md., and U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md., have been invited to speak at the event. The \$38 million laboratory will bolster the nation's homeland defense efforts and ECBC's work to counter the evolving threat of chemical warfare and the use of chemical or biological agents by terrorists.

The groundbreaking will be preceded by an availability session for media representatives at 1:00 p.m. The availability session will provide background on what's next for ECBC's chemical and biological protection, detection and decontamination technologies. Due to high security profiles on the installation, reservations are required for media attendance. Please e-mail timothy.lavery@sbccom.apgea.army.mil or call 410-436-8462 by 5 p.m. on May 8 to confirm your attendance and receive event and site access details.

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